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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Kristensen, I just want to clarify, for the record, the practical impact of this constitutional amendment, and I am doing it because there were some folks at the hearing who I think were...had a concern that we were going to...what the net impact of this would be we would be going through the constitution, and instead of putting in he or she or taking out any pronouns at all, we would just be making every thing in the constitution he. And I wanted to give you an opportunity to respond to that.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Oh, no.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I know. But I wanted you to just get that on the record.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: No, let the record reflect my great surprise. No, that's obviously not true. That would be counterproductive to what we want to accomplish.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Exactly, and I mean that was my take on their concern at the hearing, and so I just wanted to clarify for the record what this would really do. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Gene Tyson is always Gene but he is often wrong. This is one of those times he is absolutely, positively, unequivocally, totally in error. As I was talking to two of my newer colleagues, I am the one who brought a bill to authorize same-sex marriages in Nebraska and have those marriages recognized by law. I did not expect to have support for that and I got no support. And those who were opposed to it would do so in some instances on religious grounds saying God created male and female and drew a sharp line between them and that line should not be blurred. But at least in my bill, Senator Redfield, I did not say that if you have a same-sex union that one member becomes a member of the other sex. My bill said if it's two men, it remains a situation where two men are involved. If it is two women, it remains the situation where two women are involved. Senator Tyson wants to say man includes woman. They